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ADVANCING THE SPORT OF MOTORCYCLING

Motorcycling New Zealand - E-Newsletter December Edition

Who can believe that the year is coming to an end, this means we are nearing the Summer Season of racing with the NZ Championship season starting within the next three weeks, with the NZSBK Championship being the first event for 2016; we can't wait for the actioned packed months of January through to March.

The Championship Calendar has been updated and can be found on our [website](#)

With such a busy calendar and the expected amount of media footage being taken at events, this is a friendly reminder of the MNZ Safety Guidelines around the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones), you can find the bulletin [here](#)

Not only do we have a busy few months of Championship events, but Motorcycling New Zealand is celebrating 100 years in 2016, this is no small feat in itself to have an organisation in existence for 100 years supporting Motorcyclists through out the country. Celebrations will be held from the 20th to 22nd May 2016 at Te Papa in Wellington in conjunction with the MNZ AGM/Conference. Be sure to mark this in your diaries, more details will be sent out in the near future.

Life Membership

Motorcycling New Zealand over the years have had some very dedicated people to the sport and from time to time those people are recognised by being nominated as Life Members, recently we put together Criteria as well as a nomination form to make the process as seamless as possible, nominations must be submitted by the 28th February for more information view [here](#)

Drug & Alcohol Testing

Motorcycling New Zealand will undertake random Drug and Alcohol testing at events, this is not limited to Championship events but will be instead at a selection of all events through out the country, this is about educating all competitors that Drugs and Alcohol and motorcycling does not mix. We recently introduced new rules around Drug Testing that will go hand in hand with the testing undertaken by Drug Free Sport New Zealand, these can be found using the following links [Off Road Rules](#), [Road Rules](#)
At any stage if you have any queries with regards to Drug and/or Alcohol testing please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mini Homologations

Recently we circulated an update to the Mini Homologations, as a result of that feedback was received. The Commissioner entered into discussions with Industry leaders around the machines and classes they are eligible for after those discussions some further alterations have been made. The updated Homologation list is now on our [website](#)

Manual of Motorcycle Sport - Corrections

We have come across some corrections in regards to the Manual of Motorcycle Sport, please mark these in your copies. The web versions have been updated accordingly.

Alphabet Index Off Road

Protests by Competitor refers to rule 7.4; this should be 7.1.4

Road

Rule 6.23 should read (Previous notification of this has already been provided)

“Unless otherwise stated points will be awarded 1st - 20th placing as follows: 25, 22, 20, 18, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.”

Rule 10.2a first sentence should read (Previous notification of this has already been provided)

“Road Racing: Appendix’s C, F, H & I the following rules apply:

Rule 14.9K - should be deleted.

14.13 Junior Road Race

The reference to rule 17.7 should be changed to 17.6.

“Junior’s 13 years and over shall be allowed to compete in Miniature Road Racing, Classic (15.3) and Post Classic (**17.6**)”

14.13d Motorcycle Technical Specifications

The reference to 24.2 should be changed to 16.2

“Solo motorcycles shall have the following capacities; F5 2 stroke engine only (rule **16.2** only 8.00 hp maximum) measured at back wheel.’

Appendix G - 125 Grand Prix/250 Mono Regulations (Road)

The reference to Rule 22.12a in the second paragraph should change to 14.13

“This class of motorcycle requires no MNZ Homologation 12 year old competitors may participate in the 125c GP class or the 250 GP Mono class provided they have the necessary MNZ clearances and approvals to do so. See Rule **14.13**”

Update re Officials Officiating

Recently the Board made changes to the policy around Board Members & Commissioners Officiating, the change is as follows:

A Board member may not officiate at any New Zealand, North Island, South Island Championship event or at a Street Race Event

A non Sporting Commissioner (Officials) due to the diversity of their role may not officiate at a MNZ event at any level

MNZ Rider Grants

Each year the Board of Motorcycling New Zealand set aside funds for rider grants. Grants are made four times a year and close on the 20th of the following of each months

“February, May, August and October. For more information on applying for grants please refer to this [link](#)

MNZ Office Hours - Christmas/New Year

A reminder that the MNZ Office will close at midday on the 24th December and reopen on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas & a Safe New Year!!